

CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL  
(for Continuing Applications  
under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 66066

First Named Inventor or  
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Box PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
ATTENTION: Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request under 37 C.F.R.  
§1.53(b) for filing a:

- (X) Continuation application,  
( ) Divisional application,  
( ) Continuation-in-Part application,

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of pending prior International Application number PCT/EP97/07337,

filed on 31 December 1997 of Brice Letac and Alain Cribier  
(Date) (Inventor(s))

for VALVE PROSTHESIS FOR IMPLANTATION IN BODY CHANNELS  
(Title)

1. ( ) This is a continuation or divisional application. Enclosed is  
a copy of the prior application as originally filed, including  
specification, claims, drawings, and oath or declaration.

- or -

- (X) Enclosed is a patent application (for continuation, divisional,  
or continuation-in-part applications) containing:

(X) 45 pages of the specification (including claims).

(X) 18 sheets of drawings ( ) Formal ( ) Informal.

2. (X) Amend the specification by inserting before the first line  
the sentence: -/This is a [X] continuation, [ ] division,  
continuation-in-part, of prior International Application number  
PCT/EP97/07337, filed 31 December 1997 and designating the  
United States of America, which is hereby incorporated herein by  
reference in its entirety. -/ The entire disclosure of the prior  
application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is  
supplied under paragraph 3 below, is considered as being part of  
the disclosure of the accompanying application, and is hereby  
incorporated by reference therein.

3. ( ) A copy of the executed oath or declaration filed in the prior nonprovisional application is enclosed.
4. (X) Inventorship:
  - ( ) A newly-executed oath or declaration and power of attorney is enclosed (for continuation-in-part applications, or for continuation or divisional applications naming an inventor not named in the prior application) (§1.63(a), (d)(5) and (e)).
  - ( ) Because this application is being filed by fewer than all of the inventors named in the prior application, delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application (37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(1)(2)):  

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  - (X) The names of persons believed to be the actual inventors are set forth in the enclosed unexecuted oath or declaration and power of attorney (§1.41(a) and §1.53(b)).
5. ( ) Assignment(s) of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_, and cover sheet are enclosed.
  - ( ) A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for recording the assignment(s) is enclosed.
6. ( ) The prior application is assigned of record to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. ( ) Small Entity Status (37 C.F.R. §1.28(a)(2)):
  - ( ) A statement of status as a small entity is enclosed.
  - ( ) A statement of status as a small entity was filed in the prior application, and small entity status is still proper and desired in this new nonprovisional application.
  - ( ) Status as a small entity is no longer claimed.
8. ( ) A 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) statement is enclosed (where an assignee seeks to take action in a matter before the Patent Office).
9. ( ) A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
10. ( ) Drawings:
  - ( ) Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May be used only if signed by person authorized by §1.138 and before payment of base issue fee.)

( ) New formal drawings are enclosed.

( ) Informal drawings are enclosed.

11. (X) A separate written request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), which is a general authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for its timely submission as incorporating a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time, is enclosed.

12. ( ) An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

( ) A Form PTO-1449 is enclosed.

( ) \_\_\_\_\_ References (copies) listed on the Form PTO-1449 are enclosed.

13. ( ) A MicroFiche Computer Program (Appendix) is enclosed.

14. ( ) A Return Receipt Postcard is enclosed (MPEP §503).

15. ( ) A Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission is enclosed.

( ) A Computer Readable Copy is enclosed.

( ) A Paper Copy (Identical to Computer Copy) is enclosed.

( ) A Statement Verifying Identity of above Copies is enclosed.

16. (X) Priority of application number 96402929.2 filed on 31 December 1996 in European Patent Office, designating GB et al. is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

( ) The certified copy of the priority document has been filed in prior application number \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

( ) A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.

17. ( ) Power of Attorney:

( ) The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
FITCH, EVEN, TABIN, & FLANNERY  
Suite 1600  
120 South LaSalle Street  
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and other members of the firm.

( ) Customer Number 22242.

( ) The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

( ) Since the power does not appear in the original papers in the prior application, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

18. ( ) Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

19. (X) The filing fee is calculated below:

Fee Calculation for Claims as Filed in the Prior Application,  
Less Any Claims Cancelled by Amendment

(X) Basic Utility Fee	\$ 760.00	\$ _____
• (X) Independent Claims <u>1</u> - 3 = _____	x \$ 78.00 =	\$ _____
• (X) Total Claims <u>32</u> - 20 = _____	x \$ 18.00 =	\$ _____
• ( ) Fee for Multiply Dependent Claims	\$260.00	\$ _____
or		
( ) Basic Design Fee	\$ 310.00	\$ _____
Total of above Calculations \$		<u>*Deferred</u>
Reduction by 50% for Filing by Small Entity		\$ _____
Total		\$ _____

20. (X) **\*Payment of the Filing Fee is to be deferred until filing of the signed Declaration. DO NOT CHARGE OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.**

21. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 and are not paid herewith, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 06-1135. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

22. ( ) Also enclosed:

23. (X) Address all future communications to Customer Number 22242.



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**GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR PETITION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) (3)**

Applicant(s) hereby request under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) (3) by this general authorization that any concurrent or future reply submitted by Applicant(s) to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for the above-identified patent application requiring a petition for an extension of time under §1.136(a) for its timely submission be treated as incorporating therein a petition for an extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

If Applicant(s) do not timely pay for any extension fee(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) which may become due for this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 by check, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee(s), and any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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